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CASHEW EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) India's position in cashew export in the world during the last three years and in the current year, till date, country-wise;

(b) whether India is the largest producer, importer, processor and exporter of cashew in the world;

(c) the names of the countries competing with India in cashew foreign trade; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to bring India to the top position in cashew export?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) India is the largest exporter of cashew kernels in the world.The global export of cashew kernels for the last three years are as given below:-

Countries/ Year	2005 M.T	2006 M.T	2007 M.T	2008(Jan & Feb) M.T.
India	118805	117325	115265	16812
Brazil	46494	52164	63504	N.A
Vietnam	104000	97751	103421	N.A
Others	N.A	5217	10887	N.A
Total	269299	272457	293077	

b)&c). Yes Sir,India is the largest producer,importer,processor and exporter of cashew in the world.The main countries competing with India in cashew are Vietnam and Brazil.

d) The Government through Cashew EPC undertakes various export promotion programmes like participation in International food fairs, International conventions & Seminars, sponsoring trade delegations, market surveys, disseminating trade enquiries, market information, publishing statistics, journals, etc organizing Buyer Seller Meets and implementing schemes for assisting exporters to improve quality of cashew kernels exported etc. under the MDA, MAI, ASIDE and Five year Plan Schemes of the G.O.I. These would help the Indian cashew exporters to improve the quality of their products on par with international standards and to obtain more enquiries for their products, thereby increasing our exports from India.